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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's request via telephone to Jennifer L. Wahlsten on April 18, 2006, and in order to comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, Applicants submit herewith the required paper copy and computer readable copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing. Please amend the specification in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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